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For: STEEL PRODUCT FOR USE AS LINE PIPE HAVING HIGH HIC

RESISTANCE AND LINE PIPE PRODUCED USING SUCH STEEL PRODUCT

(as amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 1, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

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